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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Free Press: Supreme Court to consider forced tests for DUI suspects

"The U. S. Supreme Court will decide whether a police officer who stops a drunken-driving suspect can force the motorist to take a breath test or have blood drawn at a hospital. Judges across the nation are split over whether forcing someone to undergo a blood test constitutes an 'unreasonable search' prohibited by the Fourth Amendment."

Full story

Detroit Free Press: Detroit teen sentenced to 12-30 years in killing of 84year-old church security guard

"A Detroit teen will spend at least 12 to 30 years in prison in connection with the May shooting death of an 84-year-old church security guard in Detroit. Anthony Williams was sentenced today in Wayne County Circuit Court in connection with the shooting death of guard Joseph Lewis Jr. May 9 in a Tireman parking lot a mile west of I-96."

Full story

Also see:

The Detroit News: Detroit ninth-grader to spend 12-30 year prison term in death of church guard

Full story

Associated Press: Judge sends teen to prison in church guard's death *Full story*

Detroit Free Press: Kent County boy, 14, to be charged in shooting death of sister's boyfriend

"The Kent County prosecutor's office has decided to charge a 14-year-old with open murder as an adult. The boy is accused in the shooting death of Michael Haminger on Sunday in Walker."

Full story

Also see:

Grand Rapids Press: Walker 14-year-old will be charged as an adult in shooting death of sister's boyfriend

Full story

Ann Arbor.com: Ann Arbor lands \$95K in state grant funding to continue Sobriety Court services

"Ann Arbor's 15th District Court is getting a \$95,000 boost thanks to two grants that will help fund the Sobriety Court now overseen by Judge Joe Burke. That includes a \$70,000 Michigan Drug Court Program grant from the State Court Administrative Office and a \$25,000 Office of Highway Safety Planning grant through the Michigan State Police."

Full story

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Three In One Family to step into spotlight at special tribute on October 4

"The October 4 event, on behalf of the Genesee County Bar Foundation, is billed as a tribute for the Barkey family, honoring the late Walter J. Barkey, the family patriarch, and two of his children, Brian M. Barkey, a well-know area attorney, and Chief Probate Judge Jennie E. Barkey."

Full story

Grand Rapids Legal News: Bids to join court-appointed roster due October 2

"Attorneys interested in submitting a bid proposal to be considered for placement on the 17th Circuit Court's court-appointed roster (Criminal and/or Family Division cases) must do so by October 2nd at 2:00 p.m."

Full story

The Michigan Lawyer Blog: Investiture ceremony for COA's Boonstra announced

"The investiture ceremony for Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Mark Boonstra takes place Sept. 27 at 3:30 p.m. at Michigan Library & Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo St. in Lansing, with a reception in the Hall of Justice following the ceremony. U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Ralph Guy, Jr. will swear Boonstra into office. Boonstra served as Guy's law clerk from 1983 to 1985."

Full story

The Mining Journal/Marquette: 4th annual People's Law School offered

"The fourth annual People's Law School begins Thursday for those who want to learn more about the law and current legal issues.... The session are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning this week and also running Oct. 4, 11 and 18."

Full story

Also see:

WLUC-TV(6)/Negaunee: Are you looking to learn about law?

Full story

Oakland County Legal News: ASKED & ANSWERED: Rachael L. Drenovsky on Learning Center

"The Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center in Lansing is beginning its tenth year of educating students and citizens about Michigan's legal system. The 3,800-square-foot facility is staffed mainly by volunteers, who lead tours and work on special programs."

Full story

Oakland County Legal News: 'One Woman, One Vote'

"The Women's Bar Association (WBA), Oakland County region of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, hosted a Patriot Week event with a viewing of the documentary 'One Woman, One Vote' at Goldfish Tea in Royal Oak on Wednesday, Sept. 12.... [A]udience members included ... Lily Warren; and Leah Warren and Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren, co-creators of Patriot Week." *Full story*

Oakland County Legal News: District Court conducts fall Sobriety Court graduation, Sept. 27

"Oakland County 52-3 District Court Judges Nancy Carniak and Julie Nicholson are hosting the Fall Sobriety Court graduation this week. The keynote speaker will be Mike Bishop, former Michigan Senate majority leader and current candidate for Oakland County Prosecutor."

Full story

The Oakland Press Blog: Michigan Supreme Court Selects [Another] Medical Marijuana Case

"The criminal defense bar saw all this litigation coming from a distance. At this blog, we knew that the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act would be challenged, diced, and spliced for years after its passage in 2008. Well, no disappointment on that front, as the Michigan Supreme Court has selected yet another medical marijuana case for briefing and argument during their term which will commence [in two weeks].

Full story